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REMARKS

Claims 2 through 53 and 55 through 77 remain in this application. Claims 1 and 54 have been canceled. Claims 2, 40 through 45, 55, 56 and 60 have been amended.

Objections to the Drawings

A proposed correction to Figures 1, 2 and 3 is attached hereto. The corrections indicate the elements of the drawings for optical switch 10, space switches 19, and broadcast and select switch 26. The corrections to the drawings and specification add no new matter as these elements are clearly described in the specification.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103

The Office Action indicated that claims 2-32 and claims 54 through 60 were allowed over the prior art if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 2 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 1 and claim 45 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 54.

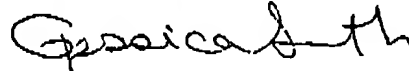
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Conclusion

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact Jessica Smith at (972) 477-9109.

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